

**Introduced by Senator Speier**

February 22, 2005

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An act to amend Section 66205.5 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 918, as introduced, Speier. Public postsecondary education: academic standards for high school preparation for applicants to California State University and University of California.

Existing law, the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of higher education, and their respective institutions of higher education. Existing law establishes the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, as one of the public segments of postsecondary education.

A provision of the act requires the California State University and the University of California to establish model academic standards for high school courses for pupils who wish to attend those institutions. This provision requires the California State University, and requests the University of California, to develop and implement, by January 1, 2006, a speedy process by which high schools may obtain approval of their courses to satisfy specified admissions requirements of those 2 institutions.

This bill would delay until January 31, 2006, the deadline for development and implementation of the speedy process for high school course approval.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 66205.5 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66205.5. The California State University shall, and the University of California is requested to, do all of the following:

(a) Establish a model uniform set of academic standards for high school courses, including career technical courses pursuant to subdivision (i) of Section 51220, for the purposes of recognition for admission to the California State University and to the University of California, respectively. In developing the model academic standards, the faculty of the postsecondary segments may work in consultation with administrators and faculty from schools maintaining any of grades kindergarten through 12, *inclusive*. Participating schools that maintain any of grades kindergarten through 12, *inclusive*, shall consult with an advisory group that shall include, but need not be limited to, representatives from all of the following:

(1) The University of California and the California State University.

(2) Business and industry, related to career technical programs in any of grades kindergarten through 12, *inclusive*.

(3) Classroom teachers in career technical education.

(4) School administrators.

(5) Parents.

(b) Develop and implement a speedy process whereby high schools may obtain approval of their courses to satisfy specified admissions requirements of the California State University and the University of California, respectively, by January 31, 2006. The approval process shall, by August 1 of each school year, notify applying schools whether the application for approval has been approved or denied.

(c) (1) Develop a simple procedure to evaluate a career technical education course submitted by a high school that identifies it as a duplicate of a course offered by another high school that is approved by and satisfies the admissions criteria of the California State University or the University of California. The procedure shall ensure that a duplicated course shall be approved as satisfying the admissions criteria of the California State University or the University of California, respectively, to

1 the same extent as the original course if the review determines  
2 that the course successfully duplicates the content and  
3 requirements of the original course. If

4 (2) If a course is not approved as a duplicate, the California  
5 State University or the University of California shall inform the  
6 applicant high school of the reasons why the course was not  
7 approved, and shall provide the applicant with a specific list of  
8 requirements that the course must meet in order to be approved  
9 as a duplicate. In the event an applicant high school, whose  
10 course was not approved as a duplicate, revises the course and  
11 resubmits its application, the California State University or the  
12 University of California shall respond as expeditiously as  
13 possible so that, if the course meets the necessary requirements  
14 for approval, it may be offered in the next fall term.

15 (d) Take into consideration any previous work completed or  
16 policies adopted regarding matters related to subdivisions (a) to  
17 (c), inclusive, by the California State University or the University  
18 of California, respectively.